

LORDSHIP

WHO IS YOUR LORD?

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DEDICATIONS

I dedicate this book to my Heavenly Father -ABBA, my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost.

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I genuinely thank ABBA, our heavenly Father, for you all.

WARNING!

Expect the forces of darkness to wage spiritual war against you while reading this book. Do not be alarmed; it is a tactic of Satan to get you to put this book down. **DO NOT DO IT!**

Satan hates truth and exposure and will be determined to keep you in darkness about lordship, especially his and, most importantly, Jesus Christ's.

When one is in captivity to sin, through the deceitful lusts of their flesh, they abide in darkness, and the prince of darkness lords over them, alienating them from God and the abundant life God has ordained for them through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. One must be determined to know who their Lord is – Satan, the God of this world, who wants to keep you in darkness, or Jesus Christ, the Lord of Lords, who wants to deliver you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Both are Lords, but which one is lording over you?

The truths revealed in this book will make you free from false religions, fallacies, and religious traditions.

Not only will these truths make you free but your spirit will be enlightened to a deeper depth of understanding of the spiritual dynamics of your relationship with ABBA, our Heavenly Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Most importantly, these truths will help you determine who your Lord is and where you will spend eternity.

Eternity is a long long time. You want to be assured, with ABBA's assurance, through his Word that you will spend eternity with him in his Heavenly kingdom.

You may have to fight to read this book, but it will be well worth your time and effort.

PREFACE

The controversy over the Lordship of Jesus Christ and Grace has sparked heated debates, arguments, and biblical philosophical studies among some of the world's most outstanding biblical scholars. It has and still causes a great divide in the body of Christ.

Saved by Grace vs. Lordship.

Before the Lord Jesus Christ began to deal with me about his lordship, quite frankly, I had never heard the word "lordship" nor of the Lordship of Jesus Christ. I am sure this may be the case for many believers. Like me, you might ask, what is lordship? What does lordship have to do with salvation or being saved?

As a babe in Christ, I was taught that if I recited Romans 10:9-10, asked Jesus to come into my heart, and believed that God had raised Jesus Christ from the dead, I would be saved, period. That through God's grace, as long as I attended church services and tried to live right, I was assured of eternal life in Heaven; sadly, this is a satanic fallacy and many are misled by it in their pursuit of eternal life in Heaven.

Romans 6:1 "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?"

Romans 6:2 "God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?"

Believing that because one is "saved by Grace" does not give them the right to live their life any way they desire. It is contrary to scripture and not in alignment with the lordship of Jesus Christ or kingdom living. So, what is the answer? If we are not under Grace, are we supposed to be perfect? Many will quickly say, "No one is perfect but God." It sounds like a dilemma, but it is not.

Please allow me to share my personal experience regarding the Lordship of Jesus Christ, which gave me a new perspective on the subject of lordship and changed my life and relationship with ABBA.

One day while praying fervently and calling upon the Lord Jesus, he spoke something that startled me. He said to me, "I am not your Lord!" In amazement, I quickly retorted, "The devil is a lie!!" I had been saved for 15 years, preached revivals all over the United States, and endeavored to live a life that I thought exemplified a Godly woman. I was positive that my life pleased God, so why would the Lord Jesus say he was not my Lord? Convinced a demon had invaded my prayer closet, I immediately left. Upon returning to my prayer closet the next day, the Lord Jesus Christ spoke the same thing to me, "I am not your Lord!" He said, "you do what you want to do when you want to do it and with whom you want to do it; that is not Lordship." Being deeply concerned I replied, "Lord, I have never even heard of lordship!" He then instructed me to study lordship and write a book about his lordship.

I was then instructed to teach his people about *his* Lordship and how it was vital to his relationship with them. In obedience, I began my study by looking up the word “lordship” in the Bible and found two scriptures: Mark 10:42 and Luke 22:25. Since neither passage referred to the Lord Jesus Christ, puzzled, I went back to the Lord and questioned him about the two scriptures. He instructed me not just to look up the scriptures, but to study lordship, what it was, how to determine who my Lord was, and how to change Lords if necessary. If Satan keeps one in darkness to the lordship of Jesus Christ, they may never discover that *he* is still lording over them through their flesh.

In obedience, I began an in-depth study of lordship, which involved not just studying the *word* lordship but how lordship is essential to kingdom living in the earth realm, the conversion of one's life from sinner to Saint, and determining the destination of one's eternal dwelling place.

Many erroneous teachings are misleading believers about salvation and their relationship with ABBA, which is why I believe the Lord Jesus instructed me to write this book and teach his people about his lordship. Lordship is not a theory, doctrine, or religion. It is a way of life for the Servant of God. My life has changed since I learned how to give Jesus Christ lordship. I have seen lordship change the lives of many others, and without a doubt, it will change your life too.

Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. 1 Timothy 2:4

Yes, Saints are saved by God's grace, but grace is not a substitute for lordship.

God's grace empowers one to live for him through Jesus Christ our Lord, but it does not excuse one who does not.

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed (fashioned like, having the same form as another) to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Romans 8:29

God's primary objective is to reconcile the sinner to himself through the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus will then convert/conform that person into his image through his lordship. Because the Lord Jesus does not assume lordship of one's life, one must declare and yield to his lordship (which we will discuss in-depth later) daily. Authority and control must be yielded to the Lord Jesus so that he can convert and conform the one that is being reconciled back to God into himself. Through this process, the Lord Jesus is able to make one complete and most importantly this – *"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy," Jude 1:24*

If Jesus Christ is not your Lord, this will not happen, and one will not be known of him when they get to Heaven.

CHAPTER ONE

THAT DAY.

AND AND THE DEAD WERE
JUDGED OUT OF THOSE THINGS
WHICH WERE WRITTEN IN THE
BOOKS, ACCORDING TO THEIR
WORKS. REVELATIONS 20:12B

As the song goes..... "When we all get to Heaven what a day of rejoicing that will beeeee...When we all see Jesus, we will sing and shout the Victoorryyy" **NOT!! Huh?? Why not?**

*"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, **I never knew you:** depart from me, ye that work iniquity."*

Matthew 7:21-23

I am sure this is not what anyone expects or wants to hear on "that day." However, that is what some will hear, - those dreadful words, "I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." Where else is there to go if one has to depart from the Lord Jesus in Heaven?

What you hear on that day will determine where you will spend eternity - Heaven or Hell.

Where will you spend eternity? The good news is everybody is going to Heaven! That is right! Everybody!!

No matter what they have done in their lifetime or what kind of lifestyle they have lived, everybody will go to Heaven. The bad news is that everybody will not stay in Heaven.

Everybody will stand before the great white throne of judgment. And believe me, the throne does exist! Shortly after I was reconciled back to God, God gave me an “out-of-body” experience while I was awake. My spirit was taken to Heaven, and God allowed me to see the great white throne of judgment. Heaven is real, angels are real, and the great white throne of judgment is very real.

So, on that day, upon one’s arrival into Heaven to be with the Lord, many envision how they will put on their long white robes and dance around Heaven all day, telling all their friends and loved ones, “Howdy, howdy!”

What kind of day will it be for you? Will you be standing before the throne of God hearing “well done thou good and faithful servant” or standing outside the gates awaiting judgment day, and then only to hear “depart me, ye that work iniquity?”

Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. Revelations 22: 14-15

What will determine if one enters Heaven? Will one’s genealogy, education, and social or economic status help them? Sorry, it will not. How about one’s dynamic singing or preaching ability?

Or maybe one's position or title in the Church or their religious affiliation (Holiness, Baptist, Catholic, etc)? No, that will not make a difference either. What will matter then? What will be the determining factor?

According to Matthews 7:21, "*Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, **shall enter** into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.*"

To acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord and believe in one's heart that God raised him from the dead is the beginning of God's plan of redemption, reconciliation, and conversion. Only through a covenant relationship with him through the Lord Jesus Christ, will one's soul be saved or rescued from eternal damnation, allowing them to enter into the kingdom of Heaven.

When one is in sin, one conforms to the image of their Lord –Satan. In the new covenant relationship with God, the Lord Jesus becomes one's new Lord, and they will be conformed to his image. Therefore, upon your arrival into Heaven, you will be known of him because you will be in him and he in you.

I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. John 10:14

One cannot conform themselves to the image of the Lord Jesus; only the Lord Jesus, as Lord, can do that. The Lord Jesus can only accomplish this with the authority and cooperation of the individual. For one to say that they believe Jesus Christ is Lord and not allow him to conform them to himself means that they will not be known of him when they get to Heaven, thus resulting in hearing those dreadful words "I never knew you".

Relying upon the false hopes of religion, religious doctrine, or tradition will not ensure one eternal life in Heaven, nor will they establish a servant/Lord relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour John 12:26.

So, ask yourself, “Who is my Lord? Whose servant am I?” Jesus Christ the Lord of Lords, or Satan the God of this world? You cannot take for granted that Jesus Christ is your Lord, as lordship is not an assumed relationship. Lordship is declared and yielded to daily, allowing the operation of God to be effectively accomplished in your life through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Eternal life is through Jesus Christ our Lord; therefore, it would behoove you to have Jesus as your Lord when you get to Heaven.

For the compensation due sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23 (LEB)

So, yes, Jesus Christ is Lord, but is *your* Lord?

It is time to know!

CHAPTER TWO

BOTH LORD AND CHRIST

THEREFORE LET ALL THE HOUSE
OF ISRAEL KNOW ASSUREDLY, THAT
GOD HATH MADE THAT SAME
JESUS, WHOM YE HAVE CRUCIFIED,
BOTH LORD AND CHRIST. ACTS 2:36

Jesus Christ is Lord, and the Lord Jesus was the Christ. God made him both. Not one or the other; he is both. He must also be both in the life of the believer.

What does it mean for Jesus Christ to be both Lord and Christ of one's life? To correctly answer this question, we must determine what a Lord is, the function of a Lord in one's life, and the parameters of one's relationship with his Lord. We will also explore what Christ is and how Jesus functions in that role.

It is essential to distinguish the difference between a Lord and a Christ since God made Jesus both. Jesus does not serve as one or the other; he is both. These equally important roles of Jesus in one's life are vital to the new covenant relationship between God and mankind.

If one celebrates the death of Jesus Christ on Easter but does not allow that same Christ who was made Lord after his resurrection to function as their Lord, it negates an essential role in their lives and destiny as Jesus must be both Lord and Christ.

In the following chapters, we will explore in-depth the definitions and importance of each of these roles as they pertain to Jesus being Lord and Christ, particularly in the life of a Saint.

CHAPTER THREE

JESUS AS CHRIST AND LORD.

FOR TO THIS END CHRIST BOTH
DIED, AND ROSE, AND REVIVED,
THAT HE MIGHT BE LORD BOTH
OF THE DEAD AND LIVING.

ROMANS 14:9

Jesus the Christ.

In a study of the word Christ, Strong's Exhaustive Concordance defines Christ as - "Christos", the Anointed One, the Messiah, an epithet of Jesus: - Christ. (Christos" is taken from the root word "chrio", which means to smear or rub with oil, to consecrate to an office or religious service: - anoint. Many people have frequently and familiarly heard the phrase "Jesus Christ", and they understand Christ to be a part of the name of Jesus: Jesus Christ, as we say, George Washington. But it is not part of his name; it is an - office he was divinely appointed to - Jesus *the* Christ, like Washington, the president. If we take these three synonymous words: Messiah, which is Hebrew; *Christos*, which is Greek; Christ, which is English. They all mean the same thing - the "Anointed One."

"Messiah" is the O.T. title corresponding to Christ, "the anointed one," which was consecrated in a solemn setting apart to an office, always by the use of oil poured on the head. "Anointed with oil" in its sacred use was limited to only three classes of men: first, upon priests, as in Exodus of the Aaronic Priesthood (Exodus 40:15), the second class of persons upon whom the "anointed oil" was poured was Kings (1 Kings 1:39, 1Chronicles 11:13), and thirdly, were Prophets (1 Kings 19:16) as a prophet in 1 Kings 19:1 (Elisha by Elijah), the anointing of Isaiah in Isaiah 61:1 as a Prophet; and elsewhere the anointing of Solomon as King in 2Chronicles 29:22. "Messiah" is taken from the O.T. word "Mashia" meaning a person that has been consecrated with the anointing oil. We see from these scriptures that the sacred oil was poured upon the head of the high priest, upon the head of a king, or upon the head of every prophet, thereby setting them apart and sanctifying them to fulfill Yahweh's service. The holy anointing oil signified the rich and abundant gifts of God's Spirit, which would qualify the anointed one for the duties of his office and enable him to perform the works of God.

This Great Deliverer, as foretold in the O.T. scriptures as the Anointed One, was to unite all three of these offices – a prophet, a priest, and a king. Of whom David speaks of in Psalms 110:4: "The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek", in Zechariah 6:13, he was to be a priest on a throne, thus a priest and a king, and Deuteronomy 18:18-19 he was to be a prophet above all other prophets. This Anointed One was not to be anointed with the typical oil as described in Exodus 13; he was anointed with the thing that the oil signified - the Spirit of the living God.

In Isaiah 61:1-3 "*The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.*" Upon this prophet would be poured without any measure all of the gifts and graces of the eternal Spirit, and under that anointing as a teacher, he would teach as never a man taught before. He will, by a word, unlock prison doors and strike the shackles from the limbs of captives; a prophet in the acceptable year of the Lord to proclaim the day of vengeance at the judgment, to heal the brokenhearted, and to give the garment of praise where were the ashes of sorrow and the spirit of heaviness. Daniel 9:24 states the anointing of this great deliverer was fixed. "Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy, which took place in Matthews 3: 16-17, at Jesus' baptism – And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water; and lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting upon him. And lo, a voice from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."

This descending of the Spirit of God upon the head of Jesus Christ was regarded by John the Baptist and by Christ himself as the anointing of the Holy Spirit. In John 1:29, John, the next day seeth Jesus coming unto him and saith, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. In Luke 4:14-18, Christ himself claims that this was his anointing and thereby was the passage fulfilled from the Old Testament in the book of Esaias 61:1, "*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, Luk 4:19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.*" And he closed the reading of that passage by saying, in verse 21, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears." Therefore in Matthews 16:16, when Jesus asked his disciples, "Whom do ye say that I am?" Peter answered, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Thou art the Anointed One; thou art the one foretold in the Old Testament as the specially anointed of God to be set apart as a prophet, priest, and King. A supreme teacher, a living oracle whose word was to be the end of controversy. An eternal priest, a priest after the order of Melchizedek, a priest who would live forever and thus be able forever to conduct the duties of the priestly office. As a priest, he would be the first to offer a sacrifice, which would be himself, an offering that would be made once and for all; vicarious and substitutionary, the iniquity of the world was to be laid upon that offering. As 1 Peter 2:24 proclaims, "*Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.*"

Therefore if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." Here then, is what is meant by Messiah. Thou art the Messiah. Thou art the Christ. Thou art the Anointed One, which means thou are the Divine Teacher, thou art the Saviour. Thou art the Intercessor. Thou art the Anointed One who was supremely empowered by the Holy Spirit to accomplish all of God's divine plan for mankind's redemption and reconciliation, and conversion. And after God raised Jesus from the dead, he became the King of kings, the Lord of lords, and the Ruler of rulers.

Jesus the Lord.

Webster's dictionary defines a "Lord" as a leader, chief, commander, king, master, monarch, or potentate.

Strongs dictionary describes a Lord as "(supremacy); supreme in authority, that is, a controller; by implication Mr. (as a respectful title): - God, Lord, master, Sir.

Thayer New Testament Greek Dictionary defines a Lord as "Kurios" - he to whom a person or thing belongs, about which he has the power of deciding; master, Lord, the possessor and disposer of a thing, the owner; one who has control of the person. A title of honor expressive of respect and reverence title with which servants greet their master, given to God and the Messiah.

Strong Concordance defines Kurios as - supremacy: supreme in authority, that is, a ruler by hereditary right or preeminence to whom service and obedience are due, a title for God, and Jesus Christ as the one who exercises supreme authority over mankind, one who commands.

The Greek word Kurios is taken from the root word "Kuriakos" meaning "belonging to the Lord", or the Lord has dominion over or exercises lordship over.

He, the Lord, is Lord of, he rules and has dominion over, and he also has power over or the government of.

Another standard equivalent of Lord is the term, meaning chief or leader. One may combine such an expression with a term for 'God' and employ a phrase meaning 'God our leader' or 'God our chief.' In some instances, the term for Lord is related to a verb meaning 'to command' or 'to order'.

Therefore a 'Lord' is rendered as the one who commands us, combined with God may form a phrase such as 'God, the one who commands us. LORD - Y@hovah - the proper name of the one true God.

In summary, a "Lord" is the master, the supreme ruler, the commander, and the one who possesses supreme (final) authority. Lordship means that the Lord has power or authority over his servants. A Lord has control of his servants. The Lord's servants belong to and serve him.

The Lord has the power of deciding, as the Lord possesses and exercises dominion over his subjects. The Lord is "Lord of" those that concede, confess, and yield to him as their Lord.

The servant is subject to his Lord's "kingly government." Servants serve their Lord by faithfully obeying him and doing their Lord's will. The servant belongs to his Lord, body, soul, and spirit.

For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. Romans 14:8

In Matthews 28:18, after his resurrection from the dead, Jesus asserts his Lordship to his disciples by stating to them that "All power has been given to me in heaven and in earth."

In other words ALL power- *the power of choice, liberty to do as one pleases, authority (influence) and of right (privilege), the ability or strength with which is endued, which he either possesses or exercises, the power of authority (influence), the power of rule or government (the power of him whose will and commands must be submitted to by others and obeyed, specifically the power of judicial decisions, one who possesses authority, a ruler, a human magistrate, spiritual potentates in heaven)* has been given to Jesus in heaven and in earth."

Thus fulfilling the prophetic words of Daniel 7:13-14, "I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him, and there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed."

In Acts 2:36, as Peter was preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ to the men of Galilee on the day of Pentecost, he asserts that the same Jesus whom these men had crucified was now both Lord and Christ (Messiah). The risen Saviour had triumphed over death and now reigns as Lord of Lords, Kings of Kings.

That at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:10-11

As Lord, "he is the head of the body, the Church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence" (*Colossians 1:18*) and will present the Church faultless to God. (*Jude 1:24*)

But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him. 1 Corinthians 8:6

Jesus' role as Lord and Christ is vital to the implementation, ratifying, and assurance of fulfilling the promises contained in God's New Covenant, his role as Lord and Christ assures that anyone who believes in him can partake in God's righteousness and be saved.

CHAPTER FOUR

LORD OR PERSONAL SAVIOUR?

BUT GROW IN GRACE, AND IN THE
KNOWLEDGE OF OUR LORD AND
SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST. TO HIM BE
GLORY BOTH NOW AND FOREVER.

1 PETER 3:18

Lord.

In one's pursuit to be "saved" and have eternal life, many have been instructed to ask Jesus "to come into their heart" and receive him as their personal Saviour, and in doing so, they are "saved". Unfortunately, this is true, nor is there any scriptural foundation for such. Nowhere in God's Word does it instruct anyone to receive Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour or ask Jesus "to come into one's heart." It is a false doctrine and a satanic fallacy.

God's promise of eternal life in his Kingdom is based upon his Word, as is the fulfillment of God's promises. Therefore one's belief must be based solely on the truth of God's Word.

Consequently, it is essential to ascertain whether one is following false doctrines or God's Word. That being said, we must address the fallacy of asking Jesus "to come into one's heart and confessing him as their personal Saviour."

The scripture traditionally quoted as the basis of this fallacy is Romans 10:9-10 -To begin, let us examine Romans 10 verse 9, which states that **if** (*a conditional preposition*) "thou shall confess".... The Greek definition for confess is "homologeo" – a) to say the same thing as another, to agree with, assent, to concede, not to refuse, to promise, not to deny, to profess or declare openly, speak out, freely: to profess one's self the worshiper of one, praise, or celebrate

b) declare openly with one's mouth, to say or to acknowledge with one's mouth.

To acknowledge with one's mouth (*not just one time*) the Lord Jesus, or that Jesus is Lord, more importantly, that he is your Lord, means that one openly declares and confesses that they believe Jesus Christ (the Messiah) is Lord. It also means that one does not deny that Jesus is Lord and agrees with Acts 2:36, which states, "God made Jesus both Lord and Christ." It means that one believes in their heart that God hath raised Jesus Christ from the dead, and in doing so, they shall be saved - (*safe, to save, deliver or protect - heal, preserve, do well, be (make) whole*). Because of erroneous doctrines about "being saved or salvation," many believers are left believing that if they recite these scriptures, they are saved and assured of eternal life in Heaven. Nowhere in these scriptures is one instructed to "ask Jesus to come into their heart" (it says you must believe in your heart that God raised Jesus Christ from the dead).

Neither is one instructed to confess the Lord Jesus as their "personal Saviour." The word "Saviour" or "personal" is not even in these scriptures. Some religious sects do not believe that Jesus is Lord because they do not believe in Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead by the Father.

If one concedes to and agrees that they believe Jesus Christ is Lord, the next step would be to allow him to be *their* Lord. In doing so, they will openly declare and profess his lordship by referring to him as "my Lord" Jesus or the Lord Jesus, but not just Jesus. As these scriptures saith, "confess the Lord Jesus with thy mouth. The Lordship of Jesus Christ must be declared (confessed) every time one speaks of Jesus Christ or in his name. In respect of the Lord Jesus Christ, he is no longer referred to as just "Jesus", "God's darling son", "the man upstairs", or "the highest"; no, he is the Lord Jesus Christ because God made him both Lord and Christ, so when one confesses, declares, or acknowledges Jesus, they must do so by who he is and referring to him by his divine, God-given name, and most importantly his deity "the Lord Jesus Christ."

And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

Colossians 3:17

Personal Saviour.

Continuing our study of Romans 10:9-10, let us examine the fallacy of confessing the Lord Jesus Christ as one's personal Saviour. Again, nowhere in these scriptures does the Word of God state that the Lord Jesus is one's personal saviour. Jesus Christ is Saviour of the world.

And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. 1 John 4:14

To dispel this popular myth, we will study the definition of the word Saviour.

Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary describes "Saviour" as a person who rescues others from evil, danger, or destruction.

Strong's Hebrew and Greek Dictionary, the Hebrew (Old Testament) definition of Saviour are "Yasha" (by implication) to be safe; causatively to free: - avenging, defend, deliver (er), help, preserve, rescue, be safe, bring (having) salvation, save(-iour), get the victory.

And "Yesha" - liberty, deliverance, prosperity: - safety, salvation, saving.

Israel was God's chosen people, and their saviour because he caused them to be safe and freed them from bondage. He delivered them from their enemies; he caused them to be victorious in their battles. However, God promised Israel a redeemer that would turn them from their perpetual sins. (Isaiah 59:20) The "saviour" (the redeemer) promised to Israel was Jesus Christ. Because Israel viewed God Himself as their Saviour, it was and still is difficult for them to accept Jesus as their saviour.

Verily thou art a God that hidest thyself, O God of Israel, the Saviour. Isaiah 45:15

Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me. Isaiah 45:21

Because God is the source of salvation, he sends human Saviours (deliverers) to rescue His people. These Saviours delivered or rescued God's people from their enemies.

In the New Testament, Thayer's Greek Lexicon defines saviour as "Soter", which means deliverer, Soter is derived from the word *sozō* -which is derived from *sōs*, - which means safe, to save, deliver, protect, preserve, do well, be or make whole, it used principally of God rescuing those that have been reconciled with him through Jesus Christ from the penalty and power of sin and into His kingdom (safety). The name Saviour was also given to Jesus as the "Soteria", one through whom God provides salvation, a deliverer. In its highest sense, the word indicates the relation sustained by our Lord to his redeemed ones; he is their Saviour.

Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. Acts 5:31

For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Philippians 3:20

None of the scriptures that refer to a Saviour ever instruct anyone to "receive" Jesus Christ as their "personal Saviour." The word personal means ("*of, relating to or directed to an individual; private, or intended for a particular person, for use by one person*") this cannot possibly apply to our Lord Jesus, who is Saviour of the world.

One can believe that Jesus Christ is the Saviour, but for one to say that they "received" (*to come into possession of*) Jesus as their personal Saviour says that they have taken Jesus Christ, our Lord, and Saviour into their possession, and we know that the Lord Jesus cannot be in anyone's possession.

Because he is already the Saint's Saviour, he wants to be something that only the Saint can allow him to be "their Lord." For him to be Saviour and not Lord denies his deity, he is BOTH Lord and Christ, not one or the other.

Jesus Christ died for the sins of all mankind, and now everyone has the opportunity to become a Saint and be saved.

It is a cleverly devised trick of Satan for one desiring eternal life to "confess" that Jesus Christ is their personal Saviour, but not confess him as Lord, nor to let him *be* Lord of their life. Satan hates it when Saints confess Jesus as their Lord because it declares that he is no longer their Lord. However, Jesus must be declared and confessed as Lord every time a Saint speaks of him, to him, or about him. Not just one time, but all the time!

While personal may describe the relationship the Lord Jesus Christ desires to have with his servants, it does not concede, declare openly, nor yield to the Lordship of the Lord Jesus Christ.

If one must confess Jesus Christ as a personal anything, confess him as your personal Lord.

Again, he is Saviour of the world.

And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. 1John 4:14

CHAPTER FIVE

LORDSHIP - THE RELATIONSHIP.

NO SERVANT CAN SERVE TWO
MASTERS; FOR HE WILL EITHER
HATE THE ONE AND LOVE THE
OTHER. LUKE 16:13

A lord must have a master/servant relationship with those whom he lords over. This relationship is defined by the obedience with which one serves his master. There can be no neutrality of service in regard to a Lord. The servant will serve whomever their lord is - the Lord Jesus Christ or Satan, the God of this world.

Serve – To be of service, to be in the service of; work for, to be useful, help. Strong's Bible Dictionary describes "serve" as – "douleuo" to be a slave to (literally or figuratively, involuntarily or voluntarily): - be in bondage, (do) serve (-ice), to yield obedience. Service is also an integral part of one's worship of their lord, as the definition for this kind of service is "latreuo" which means (a hired menial); to minister (to God), that is, render religious homage: - serve, do the service, worship (-per).

In summary, servants are bound to do their Lord's (master) will, to do service for their Lord's (master), to serve their Lord's (master), and worship their Lord's (master) through their service to him. Servants serve, and most importantly, service is an integral part of worship.

And Jesus answered and said to him (satan), "It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

[A quotation from Deut 6:13] Luke 4:8

A Lord's (master) servants will obey his will, do his commands, and faithfully serve him. One cannot vacillate their loyalty between 2 lords. Satan wants to deceive one into thinking they can serve him and the Lord Jesus; it is not possible. A servant's loyalty, obedience, and faithfulness are vital to the lord/servant relationship.

Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? Romans 6:16

When you give the Lord Jesus lordship of your life, you give up your life (as you know it) to him to become his servant.

A servant is defined as – (a) A person that is employed by another (b) Or a person that in service to another. Strong's Dictionary describes a servant as a "doulos", Or a slave voluntarily or involuntarily; it means subjection or subserviency; it also means a bond (man). The word "doulos" is taken from the word "Deo" which means to bind, knit, or tie.

There are 3 aspects that define the scope of a relationship between a servant and his Lord are:

- Control - *Have power over and govern, the power to influence, manage, direct, exercise restraint or direction over, dominate; to command.*

- Obedience - *Submit to the Lord's authority; subservient, hearkening to a higher authority; positioning oneself under someone by submitting to their authority and command.*
- Service *Be in bond to, be a slave to perform duties or services, to worship:*

If a Lord maintains these aspects over their servants, they are his servants indeed.

As the Lord Jesus' servants, his servants will serve him and not themselves.

If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour. John 12:26

As Satan's servants, his servants serve themselves.

Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. John 8:44

As a servant of the Lord Jesus, you become his voluntary slave, and you will be freed from the bondage of sin and bound to the Lord Jesus.

Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. Romans 6:6

But now, having been set free from sin and having been enslaved to God, you have your fruit leading to sanctification, and its end is eternal life. Romans 6:22 (LEB)

If Satan is Lord, he seduces his servants into serving sin by fulfilling the desires of their sinful nature (one's flesh), he knows that by doing so, one will be by nature a child of wrath and not a child of God.

Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. Ephesians 2:3.

Sin is disobedience to God and incurs a debt with God that must be paid. Thank God, our Lord Jesus Christ paid the price for those who believe in his deity as Lord and Christ.

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:23

Eternal life is a gift of God through Jesus Christ our Lord. If Satan is your Lord, you will not receive God's gift of eternal life.

Therefore, you need to know who *your* Lord is. Who is your Master? Whom are you yielding yourselves a servant to obey? These crucial questions will help you determine who has lordship and who is your Lord and master.

There is only one way into Heaven, one source of eternal life - through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Know before you go!

CHAPTER SIX

SATAN'S CONSPIRACY.

LEST SATAN SHOULD GET AN
ADVANTAGE OF US FOR WE ARE
NOT IGNORANT TO HIS DEVICES. 2
COR 2:11

Before giving Jesus Christ lordship, Satan lorded over one through their flesh (the body of sin) and as a result, they were Satan's servant.

Romans 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

When the Lord Jesus Christ is given lordship, the warfare for lordship (control) begins. Satan knows all too well how to manipulate one through the "law of sin" in their flesh (the old man) to bring forth fruit unto death.

For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death. Romans 7:5

When one gives the Lord Jesus lordship he crucifies the old man, so that one may be free to bring forth fruits of holiness.

But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. Romans 6:22

To ascertain insight into how Satan uses the law of sin through the body of sin to inconspicuously bring one back into captivity to the law of sin once one has given the Lord Jesus lordship, let us study Romans 7:15 – 25.

Romans 7:15, Paul states, "For what I am doing I do not understand, because what I want to do, this I do not practice, but what I hate, this I do. (LEB), 7:16, "But if what I do not want to do, this I do, I agree with the law that it is good." 7:17, Paul concedes that it is no more him, but *sin* that dwelleth in him. Paul recognized a "law" *nomos* –(anything established, a command, that which governs, or controls) that was in his (fleshly) members that were warring against the law of his mind, and attempting to bring him back into captivity to the law of sin. The flesh, the "old man", had established a "law" through lusts, desires, and affections that was obeyed by the "old man". Here we see an example of how the chief Apostle Paul recognized the law of sin that was in his fleshly members and how Satan was using this law of sin to get him to rebel against God's law and bring him back into captivity to the law of sin. When he recognized his dilemma he immediately separated himself from his old man by serving a new law in his life; the law of the Spirit of life through our Lord Jesus.

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. Romans 8:2

When Jesus Christ is given lordship, he frees one from Satan's lordship by recreating a new man through God's Word, which establishes a new law, that becomes the new government of one's life.

And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Ephesians 4:24

Jesus' new government establishes a new way of living, totally opposite from the life lived through sin. As the Lord Jesus knows that Satan will conspire with one's "old man" to bring them back into the captivity of the law of sin through the lusts of their flesh, he crucifies the "old man" because the old man serves sin.

Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. Romans 6:6

Satan knows that to be carnally minded is death – (separation) from the Lord Jesus, and doing so will nullify the Lordship of Jesus Christ in one's life. He knows the flesh does not like to suffer; therefore, he utilizes his demons to cause chaos and trials in one's life to incite them to resort back to obeying the lusts of their flesh to keep their flesh from suffering, thereby bringing one back into the captivity to the law of sin and he regains Lordship.

For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Romans 8:6

Satan's tactics have not changed. The same agenda he had for Paul; he has for every born-again believer. His agenda is for one to call Jesus Lord yet continue to serve him through the law of sin in their flesh. If this happens, Jesus will not be Lord even though one is calling him Lord. Calling Jesus Lord and allowing him to *be* Lord is not synonymous with lordship.

This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. Matthews 15:8

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind. nor thieves, nor greedy persons, not drunkards, not abusive persons, not swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 1 Corinthians 6: 9-10

Satan's conspiracy is twofold against the Saint – nullify the lordship of Jesus in one's life and nullify their inheritance in the kingdom of God. He utilizes the old man (the flesh) to have one rebel against the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, thus keeping them in captivity to the law of sin and death.

If you desire to reside in the kingdom of God here on earth, and eternally when you get to Heaven, beloved, now is not the time to be ignorant of Satan's devices.

Now you know!

CHAPTER SEVEN

SATAN'S ALLY: THE CARNAL MIND

BECAUSE THE CARNAL MIND IS
ENMITY AGAINST GOD: FOR IT
IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE LAW OF
GOD, NEITHER INDEED CAN BE.
ROMANS 8:7.

The “carnal mind or the old man” is God’s enemy and the enemy’s ally.

Romans 8:6-8 explains it all.

Verse 6 – For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Verse 7 – Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

Verse 8 – So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

The “carnal mind” separates one from God, it is enmity (hateful, odious) against God, and will never be subject to the Lordship of Jesus Christ nor to the law of God; because it CANNOT BE! Satan knows that when one is carnal minded he cannot please God. That is why the carnal mind is his staunchest ally.

The Greek word for “carnal” is “sarx”, which means - *the sensuous nature of man, the animal nature with cravings that incite to sin; the human nature of man apart from God’s divine influence, and therefore prone to sin and opposed to God.*

From these definitions, we can see that the carnal mind incites (urges) one to sin. It hates God's will, his ways, and his Word and therefore will not be subject to the law of God nor the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

To be subject means "*one that is placed under authority or control, one subject to a monarch and governed by the monarch's law*". That is why when one gives the Lord Jesus lordship, Satan will fight to regain lordship through his trusted ally, the carnal mind.

This is the reason why when the Lord Jesus is given lordship he must crucify the “old man” because if he does not, Satan will seduce one into serving it instead of him.

Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. Romans 6:6

The carnal mind is Satan’s domain and he uses it to rebel against God. That is why it must be crucified (*to render idle or useless*) through the lordship of Jesus Christ.

Or do you not know that as many as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Romans 6:3
Therefore we have been buried with him through baptism into death, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so also we may live a new way of life. Romans 6:4 (LEB)

Satan does not want this to happen. Until the flesh is crucified, it will be Satan's battleground for control.

The carnal mind will continue to serve him, and he remains Lord. If he remains Lord, sin will continue to reign in one's life, and even though one is calling Jesus Lord. Satan does not mind if his servants call Jesus Lord, just do not give him lordship.

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, so that you obey its desires, Romans 6:12

and do not present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who are alive from the dead, and your members to God as instruments of righteousness. Romans 6:13

Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? Romans 6:16

Notice the scripture says, “to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey.” Obedience to your Lord.

When Jesus is given lordship, he crucifies the thing that causes sin. As one yields to his lordship, he frees them from the captivity of sin.

Satan entraps by arousing the old man through the lusts of the flesh; this brings forth lust, which opens the door to sin, which leads to death.

But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. James 1:14-15

This will be a never-ending battle if Satan gets his way. It makes no difference if one faithfully attends religious services, praises the Lord, or even calls Jesus “Lord”; as long as they remain in bondage to the lusts of their flesh, Satan remains their Lord.

When lordship is reverted to Satan, he lulls the individual into a "spiritual sleep", and instead of being a true worshipper of the Lord Jesus, he has them substitute "will worship" (*arbitrary and unwarranted*) *piety, that is, sanctimonious, pretended or hypocritical religious devotion*) for "true worship," thus achieving his ultimate goal.

He cannot stop one from giving Lord Jesus Christ Lordship; however, he can deceive one into giving lordship back to him through his trusted ally - the old man.

CHAPTER EIGHT

NO CONDEMNATION

THERE IS THEREFORE NOW NO
CONDEMNATION TO THEM WHICH
ARE IN CHRIST JESUS, WHO WALK
NOT AFTER THE FLESH, BUT AFTER
THE SPIRIT. ROM 8:1

When one initially gave Jesus Christ Lordship, they were carnally minded. It could not be helped; human beings are born with a sinful (carnal) nature.

The scriptural reference for this chapter is *Romans 8:1* - *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.* The Interlinear version of this scripture gives a more precise view – *There is then now no condemnation to those in Christ Jesus, not according to flesh who walk, but according to Spirit.* This verse has tremendous spiritual implications, which shall be discussed at length as it is vital to one's transformation. God is a spirit; when one is born again, he will be transformed from being carnally-minded to spiritually-minded to experience God's kind of life and peace. One cannot go from being carnally minded to being spiritually minded instantaneously, it is a progressive work completed by the Lord Jesus through the Holy Spirit.

It is a gradual growth process. This is why Apostle Paul begins with the edifying words – “there is therefore now no condemnation to them who walk after the spirit and not after the flesh.”

Thayer’s Greek Lexicon defines condemnation “katakrina” as the combination of two words – “Kata” which means down and “krima” which means the results of judgment. The exact sentence of condemnation is handed down after due process of establishing guilt. It is also taken from the root word “katakrino” which means judge down to issue a penalty, to judge someone decisively as guilty, to judge worthy of punishment.

If one is IN Christ Jesus and has given him Lordship, if he should haply error or walk after his flesh, God will not judge the individual because he knows that they are being transformed from walking after the flesh to walking after the Spirit.

To walk means - a) to be occupied, b) to make one’s way, to progress, c) to conduct one’s self, one’s disposition or influence which fills and governs the soul of anyone, and to continuously progress (walking after the Spirit).

This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. Ephesians 4:17-19

Therefore to “walk after the Spirit” means to progressively begin to be controlled, influenced, and governed by the Lord Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Ghost.

After one is born again, this new walk must begin. Therefore, one will progressively go from being controlled by Satan through the lusts of the flesh to being controlled by the Lord Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, which will live in one's spirit. When you walk, you take one step at a time, and progress from one point to another. As you walk after God's Spirit, God's righteousness is being fulfilled in you because you are no longer walking after the flesh.

That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Romans

8:4

Satan does not want one to progress in the Lord, and neutrality is not an option. One will either progress or regress. Please do not believe the old religious hype that God is married to the backslider. He is not.

Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the LORD; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the LORD, and I will not keep anger forever. Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you: Jeremiah 3:12-14

In these Old Testament scriptures, the children of Israel had walked away from God and his commandments. Because he was married to Israel, he was beseeching *them* to turn back to him. This scripture does not apply to the Church.

As Lord, the Lord Jesus will teach his servant how to "walk after the Spirit, and not after their flesh". This will be accomplished as one allows the Lord Jesus Christ to crucify the flesh (the old man) so that one will learn how to "walk after the Spirit." It is a progressive work that only the Lord Jesus can do through the Holy Ghost.

*For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the
Lord: walk as children of light. Ephesians 5:8*

A change in one's "walk" is of the utmost importance. Will there be stumbling sometimes? Of course. However, one will not be under condemnation because they are no longer walking after the flesh but after the Spirit. God's grace will cover the stumbling.

How one walks, who one walks with, and the direction one walks is important in determining which direction they are headed - up or down.

CHAPTER NINE

DEPART FROM INIQUITY

NEVERTHELESS THE FOUNDATION
OF GOD STANDETH SURE, HAVING
THIS SEAL, THE LORD KNOWETH
THEM THAT ARE HIS. AND, LET
EVERY ONE THAT NAMETH THE
NAME OF CHRIST DEPART FROM
INIQUITY. 2 TIMOTHY 2:19

What will Jesus say to those who never yielded to his Lordship? He will tell them, “I NEVER KNEW YOU; depart from me ye that work iniquity.” Because many do not realize the seriousness of iniquity it is necessary to visit this subject.

Iniquity is the greatest enemy of Lordship. Here’s why – The Hebrew definition of iniquity is “Avon” which means perversity, wantonness, moral evil, mischief, and sin. The Greek word for iniquity is “anomia”, which means unrighteousness, the transgression and violation of the law, a transgressor, lawless and destitute of God’s law, and not willing to be subject to the law or the government of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Iniquity is apart from sin. Iniquity underlies the mindset of sin, just as obedience underlies the mindset of righteousness. Sin is the transgression of God's law; iniquity is forthright lawlessness, refusing to be governed; by anyone, especially the Lord Jesus through lordship. It allows the depravity of the carnal man (carnal mind) to control one's life with total disregard and contempt for God. Iniquity is a grave offense in the eyesight of God. GOD HATES INIQUITY. That is why the Lordship of Jesus Christ must be prevalent in one's life if one desires eternal life in Heaven. The Word of God says to depart (*cause to withdraw, remove oneself, revolt*) from iniquity. Revolt against Satan. When one revolts against Satan, he and his host will pull out all the stops, through spiritual warfare, to get you to revolt against God through iniquity! The revolt must be against Satan through the lordship of the Lord Jesus, this will cause one to depart from iniquity.

Working iniquity by obeying the sinful desires of the flesh Monday through Saturday and then going to church on Sunday will not negate the fact that one is a worker of iniquity. One must depart from iniquity by allowing God to govern one's life through his way, his Word, and the lordship of Jesus.

Be not deceived; it will definitely take the Lordship of Jesus Christ for one to depart from iniquity; however, it is either depart from iniquity now or depart from the Lord Jesus then!

The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; Matthews 13:41

CHAPTER TEN

BACK TO “THAT DAY.”

ENTER INTO THE JOY OF THE LORD
OR DEPART FROM ME YE THAT
WORK INIQUITY.

So, back to “that day,” what will it be like for you? Rejoicing or weeping and gnashing of the teeth?

What will the Lord Jesus Christ say to you on that day? Will he say, “I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity” or “Well done thou good and faithful servant?”

My friend, there are no gray areas with regard to eternal life with God in Heaven. It is either Heaven or Hell, and there are no other alternatives.

And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

Revelations 20:12

If the Lord Jesus says to you “depart from me,” please think about it, where will you go? Beloved, Hell is very real. If you desire a permanent residence in Heaven you must put off corruptible and put on incorruptible, this is only possible through the Lordship of Jesus Christ. You cannot take this for granted.

You want to be sure that Jesus Christ is your Lord, now, because he must conform you into his image before you get to Heaven. If you are not sure if Jesus Christ is your Lord, and you want to make sure that he is your Lord by giving him lordship of your life right now, pray this prayer.

Lord Jesus, I confess my sins and iniquities, for which I am truly sorry. I ask for forgiveness. I pray for repentance so that I may acknowledge God's truth and be freed from Satan's captivity. I believe that you died on the cross for my sins. I truly believe in my heart that God raised you from the dead and that you are both LORD and CHRIST. Lord Jesus, I give you lordship of my life today. I yield control of my life to you. I am willing for you to Lord over me and I will trust in your Lordship. I believe, that by faith, I have received forgiveness, and I believe that I have been accepted into your kingdom. I pray that by faith, I will receive the gift of the Holy Ghost that will empower me to be conformed into your image. Thank You, Lord Jesus, for redeeming me and reconciling me back to God my Heavenly Father. I am now your servant. Use me, Lord, to bring you glory. Now declare this to your old Lord – Satan, "you are not my Lord anymore, Jesus Christ is now my Lord him only will I serve". Amen

You have just made the best decision in your life by giving Jesus Christ lordship of your life. By giving Jesus Christ the right to exercise lordship over you, your life will never be the same and you will be an inheritor of the Kingdom of God, both now and ever.

God knows the plans he has for you (Jeremiah 29:11, Psalms 37:23). Your new Lord, Jesus Christ will now lead you into all truth and the truth shall make you free. Yes, your life will change.

Yes, Satan will war against you to regain his Lordship, but you have victory through your Lord Jesus Christ.

Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ. 2 Corinthians 2:14a

And please, do not refer to your Lord as just "Jesus" anymore. He is your Lord Jesus Christ or our Lord Jesus Christ. In celebrating your Lord, you should never refer to the Lord Jesus as just "Jesus"; you would then be robbing Him of His God-given deity according to Acts 2:36.

You acknowledge him as "your Lord Jesus" every time you refer to, talk about, or pray in his name.

Allow your Lord to have his way in your life. Yes, he must crucify your flesh, but he knows how to do it. Yes, your flesh will suffer and Satan will use it to war against the Holy Spirit to regain lordship, which is why it is very important to declare, agree, and concede the Lordship of Jesus Christ your Lord daily. Remember if Jesus Christ is not Lord of all; he is not Lord at all!!

What to do next?

1. Pray daily. Ask your Lord to bless you with a prayer partner or prayer group. Prayer changes things and people too!!

2. Declare that Jesus Christ as your Lord in every situation, allow him to Lord over you and the situation.

3. STUDY your Lord. (God's word).

It is so important that you study his word to know his will and his ways. God's Word will be the new government of your life, not your fleshly desires. Therefore, you must study God's Word to know how to govern yourself accordingly.

4. Be willing to allow our Lord to crucify your flesh with its affections and lusts.

5. Seek your Lord Jesus Christ, as to where would he have you to fellowship and be discipled. As a servant of our Lord Jesus Christ; you must become a disciple. A disciple is one who is taught the truths and principles of his Master. Your Lord has appointed gifts in the Body of Christ (the Church) to perfect you. (*Ephesians 4:12*)

And lastly, please remember, be patient!

This walk is a process. One step at a time, as you go from walking after the flesh to walking after the Spirit. (*Romans 8:1*) Your Lord will not condemn you nor cast you aside if and when you stumble or error from his Word. He is ALWAYS with you. When you need help, call upon him. He is just a prayer away!

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. Hebrews 13:5

When you do not know what to do, ask your heavenly Father for wisdom. He will freely give it to you. (*James 1:5*)

May God our Father continue to enrich and enlighten your Spirit.

Jesus Christ is both Lord and Christ. To him be Praise, Honor, Power and Glory forever and ever. Amen.

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